



Idaho Professional-Technical Education

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Enrollment in high school professional-technical education increased 6.9% from 2000-2005 compared to an increase of 1.77% for general high school enrollment (9-12). Over the last ten years, high school enrollments in professional-technical education increased 51% while general enrollment (9-12) increased 8.8%.

Idaho's high school professional technical education delivery system has 755 programs providing opportunity for high school students to enroll in professional-technical programs in 109 Idaho school districts.

Data show that nearly all of Idaho's high school students enrolled in at least one professional-technical course in FY2005.

In a 2004 Idaho Public Policy Survey 88% of the respondents agreed that high school students should be offered more opportunities to take classes for a specific career.

Compared to academic-work bound students, PTE students (4 courses) were more likely to be employed, earned more money, had greater total earnings, and maintained that advantage over time.

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The Mission of Professional-Technical Education is to provide Idaho's youth and adults with technical skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary for successful performance in a highly effective workplace.

High end Professional-Technical Schools started in FY1999 with 5 schools, 20 programs and 817 students. In FY2005 there were 11 schools, 115 programs and 4,635 students, a 467% increase in 7 years. In the last fiscal year there was an 8% increase in enrollment.

93% of high school and 94% of technical college professional-technical education completers in Idaho successfully found jobs or continued their education.

During FY2005, over 8,000 full and part-time students enrolled in technical college degree or certificate programs, an increase of 21.6% in the last 5 years and a 51% increase since 1996.

High school students are earning more college credits. Students in Tech Prep programs with course work leading to technical college degrees have increased from 1,620 in FY1999 to 9,298 in FY2005. That is a 474% increase between 1999 and 2005. There was a 9.8% increase from FY2004 to FY2005.

Tech Prep credits earned in FY2005 totaled 10,036, up 1,171 credits from FY2004. That is a credit cost savings of \$1,032,078 for students.

In FY2005, there were 718 students enrolled in the on-line health professions program.

In a 2004 Idaho Public Policy Survey 42% of the respondents answered that they would need training to maintain and/or obtain new employment within the next 12 months.

In FY2005, Idaho technical colleges assisted 38,466 adult Idahoans in improving their job skills. 33,632 adults were in short term training with an additional 4,834 Emergency First Responders enrolled in Fire Service and Hazardous Materials Training Classes.
